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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 349

1. I CONCUR WITH CONSUL GENERAL WALKER'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADVANCE PLANNING OF MESSAGE AND GIFT FROM USG ON OCCASION OF MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE NEXT JUNE 25.

2. IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL, I THINK, TO DESIGNATE ONE OFFICE IN AF TO COORDINATE ALL ACTIVITY INVOLVED IN PLANNING FOR MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS, AS IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT FRELIMO WILL REMAIN STRADDLED BETWEEN DAR ES SALAAM AND LOURENCO MARQUES UNTIL VIRTUALLY THE LAST MINUTE.

3. SINCE IT ALSO SEEMS QUITE LIKELY THAT INVITATION FOR AN OFFICIAL USG DELEGATION WILL COME, IF AT ALL, AT LAST MINUTE, I THINK WE SHOULD DESIGNATE A DELEGATION ON A CONTINGENT BASIS. IF DELEGATION IS TO HAVE A FAVORABLE IMPACT IT SHOULD BE ONE OF SUFFICIENT STATURE TO BEAR COMPARISON WITH THE HIGH-POWERED DELEGATIONS WHICH WE CAN ANTICIPATE WILL BE SENT

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BY COMMUNIST AND THIRD WORLD GOVERNMENTS. WHILE

FRELIMO MAY WELL NOT HAVE THOUGHT IT THROUGH, THE USEFUL PURPOSE OF HAVING AN OFFICIAL US DELEGATION WOULD BE TO DEMONSTRATE MOZAMBIQUE'S INTENTION TO PURSUE NON-ALIGNED POLICY INCLUDING GOOD RELATIONS WITH WEST, AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT SUCH A POLICY. A US DELEGATION OF MARKEDLY LOWER RANK THAN THAT SENT BY OTHER MAJOR COUNTRIES, EVEN IF CAUSED ONLY BY THE LAST MINUTE NATURE OF A FRELIMO INVITATION, MIGHT WELL BE INTERPRETED BY (AND POINTED OUT TO) FRELIMO AS A DELIBERATE SNUB, AND COULD GET US OFF TO A BAD START.

4. IF SECRETARY NOT AVAILABLE TO HEAD DELEGATION, I WONDER WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY TO DO SO. (FYI: I RAISED SUCH A POSSIBILITY WITH MR. INGERSOLL DURING MY COURTESY VISIT IN FEBRUARY AND HE SEEMED FAVORABLY DISPOSED. ADDITIONALLY I WISH SUGGEST INCLUSION OF SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION COLEMAN AS ANOTHER USG REP WHOSE PRESENCE WOULD BE OF GREAT VALUE.) DELEGATION SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE SENIOR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW FRELIMO'S EVIDENT INTENTION TO INVITE PRIVATELY A NUMBER OF DISTINGUISHED SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN. A NAME THAT COMES TO MIND AS A POSSIBLE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COMPONENT WHO HAS SHOWN IN PAST AN INTEREST IN AFRICA IS THAT OF SENATOR BROOKE.

5. RE PROPOSED GIFT (PARA 5, REFTEL). SUGGESTIONS SOUND EXCELLENT. WE ASSUME MOZAMBIQUE WILL ADOPT PRESENT FRELIMO FLAG, BUT THIS SHOULD PERHAPS BE VERIFIED AND AN AUTHENTIC SAMPLE FORWARDED (IF NEEDED), TO COPY. PERHAPS LOURENCO MARQUES CAN COMMENT.  
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